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### 15 FAM 1010 SCOPE AND POLICY 15 FAM 1020 USAID-FUNDED CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

#### Changes

1. OBO has revised chapter 15 FAM 1000, Capital Construction and Major Rehabilitation Projects, to comply with OMB's A-11 standards for leases. These changes are from an OIG report titled, "Audit of U.S. Department of State Use of Short-Term Leases Overseas." The terms, Operating Lease and Capital Lease, have replaced Short-Term Lease and Long-Term Lease in the FAM. In addition, there are plain-language changes and other edits throughout. These changes are in both of the subchapters that comprise chapter 15 FAM 1000 listed above.
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